

**Claim Amendments:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A ~~novel~~ trash and/or recycle receptacle covering and decoration comprising:

a tube having a first end and a second end designed to fit over and cover any shape and many sizes of a trash and/or recycle receptacle wherein said tube is constructed from a polymeric material which is impervious to water and odors;  
and

~~having one end,~~ a first resilient elastomeric affixing loop disposed at the first end of said tube to attach the trash and/or recycle receptacle covering and decoration ~~affixed to~~ secure the tube, ~~and which secures over the opening at a top of the trash and/or recycle receptacle and which defines an orifice for trash;~~  
and

a second affixing resilient elastomeric loop to attach the ~~affixed to a second end of the tube, and which secures to the a bottom of the trash and/or recycle receptacle.~~

Claim 2 (previously presented): The ~~novel~~ trash and/or recycle receptacle covering and decoration of Claim 1 further comprising a second affixing resilient elastomeric loop to attach the ~~affixed to a second end of the tube, and which secures to the a~~ bottom of the trash and/or recycle receptacle.

Claims 3-5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (previously presented): The ~~novel~~ trash and/or recycle receptacle cover and decoration of Claim 1 wherein said trash and/or recycle receptacle cover and decoration is decorated with advertising.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A ~~novel~~ trash and/or recycle receptacle covering and decoration comprising:

a tube, having a first end and a second end, designed to fit over and cover aany shape and many sizes of a trash trash and/or recycle receptacle wherein said tube is constructed from a polymeric material which is impervious to water and odors;~~and~~

~~having a first end~~, a first affixing loop ~~means~~ for affixing the first end of the tube to an ~~the~~ opening at a top of the trash and/or recycle receptacle and which defines an orifice ~~for trash~~, said affixing loop ~~means~~ further creating an annular ledge which tends to keep trash within the receptacle; and  
a second affixing loop ~~means~~ attached to the second end of the tube for securing the tube to a ~~the~~ bottom of the trash and/or recycle receptacle, said first and second loops ~~means~~ comprise an elastomeric loop.

Claim 8 (withdrawn): The novel trash and/or recycle receptacle covering and decoration of Claim 7 wherein said first and second means comprise a tie string.

Claim 9 -12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (previously presented): The ~~novel~~ trash and/or recycle receptacle cover and decoration of Claim 7 wherein said trash and/or recycle receptacle cover and decoration is decorated with advertising.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A ~~novel~~ trash and/or recycle receptacle covering and decoration comprising:

a decorated tube, having a first end and a second end, designed to fit over and cover any shape and many sizes of a trash and/or recycle receptacle wherein said tube is constructed from a polymeric material which is impervious to water and odors;

having ~~a first end~~, a first elastomeric loop for affixing the first end of the tube over the opening at a top of the trash and/or recycle receptacle and which defines an orifice for trash, said first elastomeric loop further creating an annular ledge which tends to keep trash within the receptacle; and

a second elastomeric loop attached to the second end of the tube for securing the tube to a ~~the~~ bottom of the trash and/or recycle receptacle.

## **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendment, it is believed that this Application is now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing amendment and remarks, or if prosecution of this Application could be furthered by a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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